

a.) Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 7-18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

19. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.

20. (New) An isolated polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.

21. (New) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the base sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9.

22. (New) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the base sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:17.

23. (New) An isolated polynucleotide which encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3, or a complement of said isolated polynucleotide.

24. (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising the base sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9, or a complement of said isolated polynucleotide.

25. (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising the base sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:17, or a complement of said isolated polynucleotide.

26. (New) An isolated polynucleotide that hybridizes under wash conditions of 0.3xSSC at 65°C to the polynucleotide of claim 24, or a complement of said isolated polynucleotide.

27. (New) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of any one of claims 23-26.

28. (New) A host cell comprising the polynucleotide of any one of claims 23-26.

29. (New) A method of producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 28 under conditions such that the polynucleotide is expressed.

30. (New) The method of claim 29 further comprising isolating the polypeptide from the host cell or the medium in which the host cell is cultured.